

## **SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 5:30 p.m, Zoom Meeting

**Present:** Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan;  
Zoning Administrator Mitch Osiecki;

**Visitors:** James Arisman, Tim Belcher, Henry Harris, Amanda Colianni

At 5:40 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin (once the meeting commenced recording).

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Room Rental, Town Truck repair

**Public Comment:** Henry Harris to discuss Uprise! Camp.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** N/A

1. **Uprise! Camp:** The ZA provided an overview of his recent issuance of a Notice of Violation with Uprise! Camp scheduled to be held on the property of Henry Harris August 2-9,2020.

The camp applied for and received a conditional use permit in the spring of 2019 to hold a one-time residential summer camp for children/young adults on the property currently owned by Henry Harris. The DRB approved the permit on the condition that a permit would need to be applied for should the camp operate again in another season.

Mitch noted the camp was advertised on Front Porch Forum so he contacted Henry to remind him that he needed to apply for a permit for the camp. Mitch had not received any response from Henry as of the meeting date.

Henry Harris indicated that he thought that since he received the permit last year that he was all set for this year as well.

Henry also indicated that the presiding member of the DRB at last summer's hearing that resulted in approving the conditional use permit told him that he didn't believe he needed a permit for the camp. It was determined that this person was DRB member Gary Leach.

Henry also reported that he tried to meet with Mitch on two different occasions between December and May to discuss the camp and permitting but the meetings never happened.

Attorney Tim Belcher spoke up indicating that based on his review of the town's zoning regulations, a permit was not required for Mr. Harris's camp program. Mr. Harris's camp did not meet the definition of "camp" in the regulations. He was there with his client to find a reasonable solution so that Mr. Harris can hold his camp as scheduled.

James Arisman reported that while acting as the Town Health Officer, he had contacted Henry with questions about health and safety protocols per State Guidance this year with the Covid-19 pandemic. Amanda provided a response on Tuesday (that day); however, it was vague and incomplete and did not provide the specific documentation that the Health Officer had requested. He responded to Amanda and requested further documentation to support compliance with the State's guidelines. During the meeting Amanda indicated that she had begun contacting the DOH for assistance on or about May 9, 2020. She listed her most recent contacts at VTDOH as Joan Marie Misek and Debbie Sanguietti. Amanda and Henry announced that the State was providing funds in support of the camp. Amanda agreed to submit the requested materials and information to the attention of Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk.

James further mentioned that Anne Marie Misek of the VT DOH had advised him that DOH was reviewing the camp's procedures and she had indicated that so far that the protocol looked good.

Laurie explained that given that we are dealing with a pandemic, a State of Emergency as declared by the Governor, the board is concerned about the potential impact that the camp and its attendees, both students and adults, could have on the community should one have Covid-19. We want to be assured that the camp is in compliance with the required measures and protocols to keep everyone safe and healthy given the posted schedule of the camp having drop-ins attend and attendees from out of state, potentially from high risk areas.

Mr. Harris indicated that the website was not correct and that there would be no day attendees, all students would be there for the week. He did note that there were 3 out of state registrants, specifically mentioning one from Texas that was currently quarantining with his family tenting out at the camp on the property. He/she would be tested for Covid-19 on Wed or Thursday to determine if he/she was positive prior to camp commencing. He also reported that other attendees and staff were quarantining as required. He indicated that all participants would be social distancing, that suitable facilities were being provided, and cleaning/sanitizing procedures were in place. Sufficient facilities were available in the event of inclement weather.

Henry Harris reiterated that he would have applied for the permit if he had known one was required.

Mr. Harris and Attorney Belcher asked Mitch Osiecki, Zoning Administrator, what potential actions could be taken at this point. The ZA indicated that Mr. Harris's options were to either complete and submit an application for a permit or appeal the Notice of Violation within 15 days. Mr. Belcher responded that he and his client would submit an appeal very soon. The camp is scheduled to commence on August 2, Sunday.

In summary, Rich Baker spoke acknowledging that camp was scheduled to start on Sunday, August 2 for a period of 1 week. Given the stance of Mr. Belcher and Henry Harris opining that they do not need a permit to hold the camp, he recommended that their next step could be to appeal the Notice of Violation. Submitting an application at this point would not meet the necessary scheduled for review and approval and would essentially admit that they believe the permit is required.

Mr. Harris, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Arisman and Ms. Colianni left the zoom meeting.

2. **Room Rental:** Susan Greene, Jaquith Librarian had contacted Bobbi and the board inquiring if her daughter could rent Old School House Common office space on a part-time basis and had proposed a monthly sum. The board did not have sufficient information available to them regarding the charge per square foot of office space and agreed to defer the review of the request to the next meeting when we could have more information available.
3. **Town Truck Repair:** Chris indicated that the 2015 dump truck was broken down with fuel pump issues. The truck had been taken to Clark's Equipment where it had been purchased. Clark's gave an estimate of \$6,000 for the repair and they didn't believe the truck was still under warranty. The board could not determine if the warranty had expired or not. Chris reported that another company has been doing work on the town trucks and provided an estimate for the repair of \$4,000. Chris proposed that we determine if the truck is still under warranty; take the truck to the other repair shop for repair (they will cover warranty if still valid). Rich seconded, all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Colgan.

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the July 28, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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